

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors
Monday, December 2, 2024

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in special session at 9:00 A.M. with Kirchner, Mather and Sorensen present. Chick and Sauer were absent. Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved the following utility permit: Unite Private Networks, LLC, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – installation of 2 – 1 ¼” conduit with 96 count fiber, from Highway 61 heading south on Solomon Avenue to tower UPN-9175, Section 19 - T77N-01W. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Kirchner, the Board approved Change Order #1 with TnT Tuckpointing and Building Restoration for additional painting and sealing work for the Muscatine County Courthouse Roofing Project in the amount of \$5,164.82. Ayes: All.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas updated the Board on the Muscatine County Courthouse Roofing project in regards to the repairs/replacement of the wooden planking and deck.

The Board held discussion and review of a Professional Services Agreement with Schneider Geospatial to eliminate the Sidwell bill and replace it with a part of the Schneider Parcel Maintenance with County Auditor Tibe Vander Linden and County Assessor Randy Spies. Spies stated the agreement is a continuation of the presentation held in May 2024 with the Board. Spies stated the delay to move forward has been due to waiting on MAGIC to install a new server and Parcel Pro program. Spies explained the opportunity to sign an agreement for the Schneider Parcel Maintenance is to keep the Assessor and Auditor departments caught up with real estate splits/combinations and surveys. The agreement for the parcel maintenance is for up to 100 real estate parcel splits/combinations annually, which will be roughly a \$4,000 increase from the current agreement. The annual cost will be split between the Assessor and Auditor budgets. Sorensen stated his concern with who should bear the cost for this service, should it be the property owner instead of the tax payer. Spies stated it may be possible to track the labor per survey cost and charge a fee. Spies stated a work station is already set up in the Assessor’s office for Schneider. Furnas stated currently a fee of \$250 is charged for a subdivision application, whether it is a one lot parcel or multiple lot subdivision. Furnas stated a multiple lot subdivision requires much more line work and perhaps an additional fee should be considered. The Board consensus was to review the possible additional fees for subdivisions and place the authorization of signature for the Schneider Geospatial agreement on the next Board meeting agenda.

On a motion by Kirchner, second by Mather, the Board approved the minutes of the November 25, 2024 regular meeting and the November 27, 2024 special meeting. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Kirchner received a call from a resident on 190th Street, South of Nichols with a drainage ditch concern. County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky contacted the resident.

Committee & Meeting Reports:

Sorensen attended an Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region meeting on November 25, 2024.

County Attorney Jim Barry held discussion with the Board regarding a requested modification to the City of Muscatine's Indoor Sports Complex ARPA agreement. Barry stated the current ARPA written agreement states the funds to be expended by the end of the year, however the contracts are in place and the other requested modification is for the project funding to not be a last resort funding. Budget Administrator Kala Naber stated the City has asked for the expenditure date be moved to September 30, 2025 as the original date was December 31, 2024. The City of Muscatine will be making a presentation of the requested modifications at the next Board meeting. Sorensen recommended the amendment to the contract be prepared for the next meeting.

Mather asked County Engineer Bryan Horesowsky when the completion date for the Moscow Road is expected. Horesowsky stated the majority of the concrete work is done with clean up and striping to be completed possibly by mid-December.

Furnas reminded the public the Public Hearing for the presentation of Comprehensive Plan amendments is scheduled for December 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the Discovery Center.

Vander Linden thanked the Auditor staff, Recount Board members and the public for a successful recount of U.S. Representative District 1. The recount of ballots was held by voting equipment on November 20, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 A.M.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors